



Bird Watching tour of Sri Lanka

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10
DAYS

Anawilundawa

Wilpattu National Park

Pidurangala

Sigiriya

Habarana

Kitulgala

(Makandawa Rain Forest)

Bundala National Park

Yala National Park



Day 01

- Arrival in Colombo International Airport and meet with our representative at the arrival lounge
- Transfer to Negombo – 20 min drive approximately
- Overnight stay at hotel in Negombo

Day 02

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Anawilundawa Wetland – 1 hours drive approximately
- Bird Watching at Anawilundawa
- Anawilundawa is a man made wetland constructed in the 12th Century AD and is located on the western migratory bird route. This is a sanctuary with prolific bird life in beautiful surroundings. The vegetation of the site consists of a scenic forest in the low country dry zone and in addition to birds, mammals such as mouse deer, hare, mongoose, squirrels, wild cats (such as civets), wild boar and fruit bats and reptiles and amphibians like land monitors, water monitors, lizards, geckoes, skinks, and tortoises can be sighted.

Day 03

- Full day safari at Wilpattu National Park with picnic meals
- Wilpattu is a fairly thick dry zone jungle interspersed with a number of flood plain lakes banked with delicate white sands. It boasts an impressive variety of flora in huge expanses of forest, and varied wildlife, including deer, elephants, wild boar, sloth bears and leopards.
- Overnight stay in Hotel Sinharagama in Nochchiyagama

Day 04

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer to Sigiriya – 2 hours drive approximately
- Sigiriya Sanctuary bird watching
- Surrounding of Sigiriya Rock Fortress is a designated forest reserve and is a very good birding destination. Sigiriya sanctuary is a well-protected area as it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, waterways and thick canopied forests make it a heaven for birds. You will be accompanied by our expert bird watching naturalist for the birding trip in Sigiriya Sanctuary in the morning hours from 6 Am to 10 AM. Finishing the morning bird watching in Sigiriya you will be transferred to an Eco Lodge in Habarana for lunch and for some rest. There too you would be able to see many varieties of birds in the lodge's compound. At 3 PM we venture in to the jungles of Habarana surrounded by many lakes which is a very good habitat for birds.
- Overnight stay in Back of Beyond in Pidurangala

Day 05

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Bird watching in the Garden
- The Garden is surrounded by forest that is typical to the north central plains of Sri Lanka. It is a paradise for bird watchers and nature lovers. Our staff is specially trained to help you identify birds, butterflies and trees in the forest. As our property borders an elephant path, elephant sightings are possible, especially during the dry season.
- Garden walk in the night for spotting the Slender Loris
- Overnight stay in Back of Beyond in Pidurangala

Day 06

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Transfer to kitulgala – 4 ½ hour drive approximately
- Do evening bird watching in the Makandawa Rainforest Patch
- The Kalani Valley forest reserve is low country rain forest containing a host of endemic birds and other wildlife unique to the Island. Some of the birds are found around home gardens and will be a fascinating experience. One of the more sort after endemics is the Chestnut-backed Owlet, we will head in the direction to a known stakeout and then to the Serendib Scops Owl stakeout. The latter mentioned owl created a sensation in the birding world. Other endemic birds found here is the Yellow-fronted barbet, Ceylon small Barbet, Ceylon Spurfowl, Green-billed Coucal, Layard's Parakeet, and the Ceylon Rufous Babbler to name a few.
- Overnight stay in Kitulgala Adventures

Day 07

- Early Morning bird watching at the Makandawa rain forest
- Back to campsite
- Evening bird watching tour in the village
- Overnight stay in Kitulgala Adventures

Day 08

- Breakfast at the camp site
- Transfer to Tissamaharama – 5 hour drive approximately
- Do evening bird watching safari in Bundala National park
- The bio diversity of this park is immense: A total of 383 plant species have been recorded from the park, including 6 endemics and 7 species that are considered nationally threatened. It is also home to 32 different species of mammal, 5 of which are

classified as threatened. The birdlife is also diverse. For keen bird-watchers, the complex wetland system harbours a rich bird life (approximately 197 species), including several species of migratory waterfowl. This has led to the declaration of the park as Sri Lanka's first 'Ramsar' wetland – one of great international importance especially for migratory waterfowl

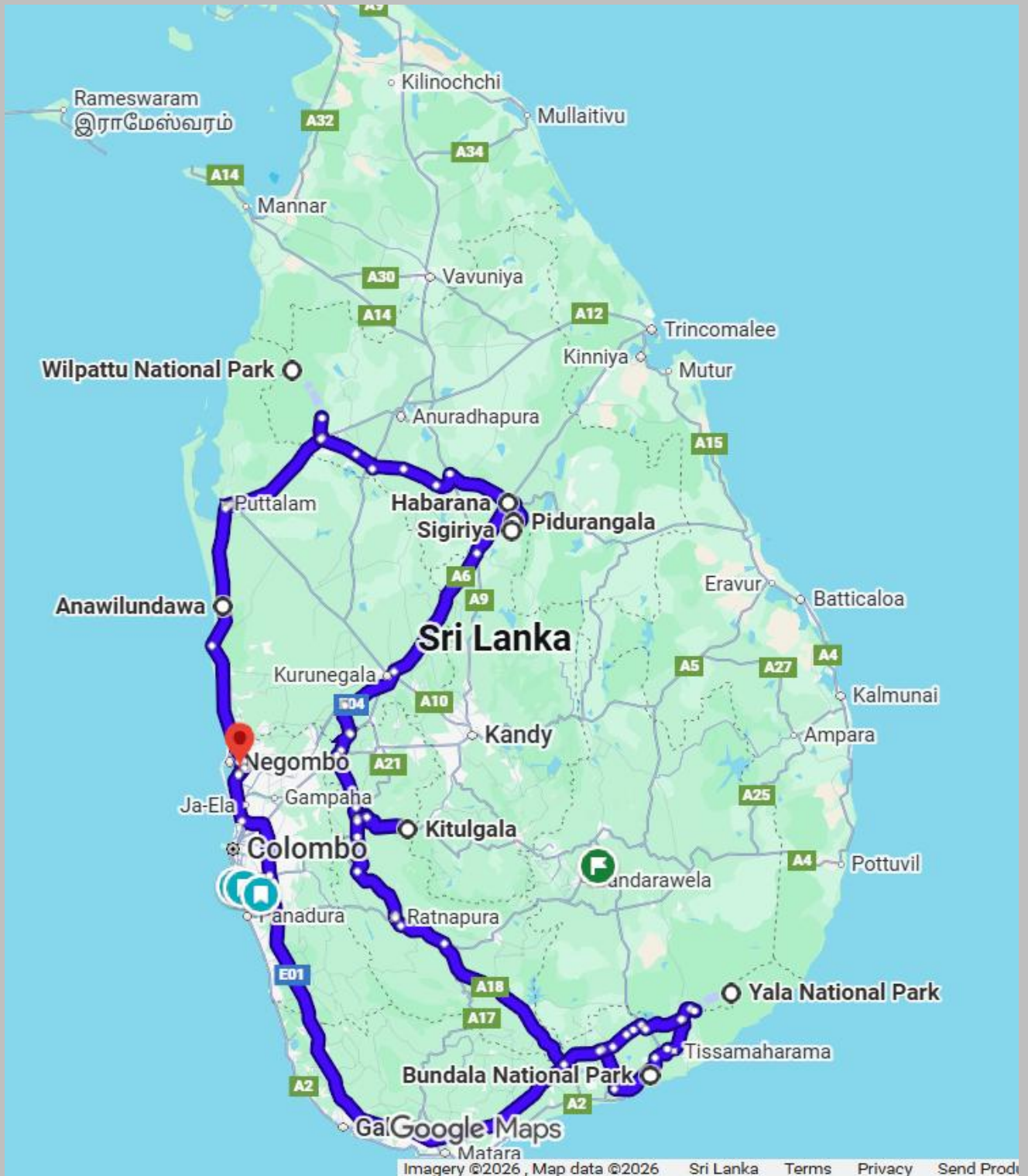
- Overnight stay at Yala hotel.

Day 09

- Full day safari at Yala National Park with picnic meals
- YALA NATIONAL PARK, one of Sri Lanka's premier eco-tourism destinations, lies 24km northeast of Tissamaharama and 305 km from Colombo on the southeast coast of Sri Lanka, spanning a vast 97,878 hectares over the Southern and Uva Provinces. The vegetation in the park comprises predominantly of semi-arid thorny scrub, interspersed with pockets of fairly dense secondary forest. Small patches of mangrove vegetation also occur along the coastal lagoons.
- Overnight stay at Yala Hotel.

Day 10

- Do Morning bird watching in the area of Tissa Lake and the village
- Transfer to airport for departure – 5-hour drive approximately



Bird watching tour of Sri Lanka in 10 Days rate will include,

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels
- Meals as per mentioned meal plans
- Air conditioned transfers with an English /German speaking chauffeur guide
- All mentioned activities and park entrance fees